

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. Applicants canceled claim 29.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Houda Morad (attorney for applicants) on September 11, 2009.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 16, line 2, after "claim 10" and before ".", insert the following:

---, comprising applying the photoresist composition to a substrate, exposing the substrate to irradiation and developing the substrate to form an image ---.

Cancel Claim 17.

In Claim 25, *replace* "wherein each of B, C and D is selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, 1-tetrahydrofuranyl, 1-ethoxyethyl, 1-phenoxyethyl, an organic group represented by" *with* --- wherein each of B, C and D is selected from the group consisting of 1-tetrahydrofuranyl and an organic group represented by ---.

In Claim 26, replace "wherein each of B, C and D is selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, 1-tetrahydropyranyl, 1-tetrahydrofuranyl, 1-ethoxyethyl, 1-phenoxyethyl, an organic group represented by" with --- wherein each of B, C and D is selected from the group consisting of 1-tetrahydrofuranyl and an organic group represented by ---.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As previously indicated in Final Office action, Ueda(JP'843)'s cyclic polyphenol compound of formula (2) does not teach or suggest those compounds of present claims 1, 5, 21, 22 and 24-28. Also, present claims are allowed over previously cited references for the reasons stated in the record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sin J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1333. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am EST to 5:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly, can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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